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Development of a Community Gateway to East Austin; Relocation of Austin Police Department Headquarters

The City Manager is directed to relocate all staff from property where APD Headquarters currently sits into other underutilized city facilities (such as One Texas Center or the soon to be vacant Austin Energy building on Barton Springs). The City Manager is further directed to initiate a community-led effort to determine the specifics on how the property could be leveraged to address historic economic inequities in the black community and support future black community economic success, and possibly serve as a gateway to East Austin.

An estimate of the one-time cost of this proposal is currently pending, however it is envisioned that a public-private partnership for redevelopment of the property would be the primary funding mechanism. This should be a significant funding source given the property's location downtown, adjacent to the Waterloo Greenway, and to TxDOT's future reconstruction of I-35.